

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/AU2004/001483

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int. Cl. ⁷: A61M 1/12

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum: documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

DWPI IPC A61M/- A61F/- A61B/- + keywords: (aort, heart, arter, balloon, inflat, assist, pump, pulsat, rhythm, attach, glue, suture, staple, clip, adhere)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 2002/024254 A2 (IMPERIAL COLLEGE INNOVATIONS LIMITED) 28 March 2002 Pages 1-36	1-11, 15-22
X	WO 2002/024255 A1 (SUNSHINE HEART COMPANY PTY LTD) 28 March 2002 Pages 1-15	1-5, 15
X	WO 2000/076288 A2 (SUNSHINE HEART COMPANY PTY LTD) 21 December 2000 Pages 1-16	1-5, 7, 11, 15
A	Patent Abstracts of Japan, JP 10-328297 (BUAAYU:KK) 15 December 1998	

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C

☒ See patent family annex

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Patent Document Cited in Search Report			Patent Family Member			
JP	10328297	NIL				
WO	2000076288	AU	50548/00	BR	0011464	CA 2375962
		EP	1185319	US	2004167376	
WO	200224255	AU	91488/01	EP	1318848	US 2004073080
WO	200224254	AU	90088/01	BR	0114087	CA 2421812
		EP	1379294	US	2003233023	

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FOR FURTHER ACTION
See paragraph 2 below

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. III | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
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1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 8, 12-14, 17-22	YES
	Claims 1-7, 9-11, 15, 16	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 12-14	YES
	Claims 1-11, 15-22	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-22	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

D1 WO 2002024254

D2 WO 2002024255

D3 WO 2000076288

NOVELTY (N) Claims 1-7, 9-11, 15, 16

Claims 1-5, 15: The features defined in each of these claims are provided in each of the citations D1, D2, D3. For example the features of claim 1 are provided in D1 as follows:

Directly attaching a heart assist device to the exterior of an arterial vessel

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Heart assist device includes inflatable balloon or chamber

Figure 1

Similarly for the other listed claims and citations.

Claims 7, 11: The features of each of these claims are provided by each of citations D1 and D3, similarly to the above.

Claims 6, 9, 10, 16: The features of each of these claims are provided by D1, similarly to the above.

INVENTIVE STEP (IS) Claims 1-11, 15-22

Claims 1-7, 9-11, 15, 16: Since these claims lack novelty, they also lack inventive step.

Claims 8, 17-22: Since the features added by these claims, methods of attachment, are well known in the art they cannot provide inventive step for the application.